

**Remarks**

***I. Status of the Claims***

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claim 1 is pending in the application. Claims 2-61 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

***II. Support for the Amendment to the Specification***

Applicants have inserted a paragraph entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications." Support for the amendment can be found, *inter alia*, in the Declaration from the parent application (09/475,674), a copy of which is submitted herewith.

***Conclusion***

In view of the amendments to the specification and claims and the above comments, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for immediate examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Version with markings to show changes made**

***In the Title:***

On page 1, line 1, please delete "METHODS" and insert the following therefor:

**METHOD OF PREPARING A SOMATIC CELL FOR NUCLEAR TRANSFER**

***In the Specification:***

Immediately prior to the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, please insert the following caption and paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/475,674, filed December 30, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/128,544, filed April 9, 1999. This application also claims priority to Great Britain Patent Application No. 9905033.8, filed March 4, 1999, and to Great Britain Patent Application No. 9917023.5, filed July 20, 1999. The contents of the foregoing U.S. and Great Britain patent applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims 2-61 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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